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## MEETING DEVOTED TO SCHOOL TOPICS

Teachers of Northumberland County Hold Profitable Session.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LANCASTER, Va., December 5.—The second meeting for the current session of the Teachers' Association of Northumberland was held yesterday at Reedville, a thriving village on Cocke's Creek, the southeasterly corner of Northumberland county. There were present Dr. Frank W. Lewis, superintendent of schools for Lancaster and Northumberland; J. B. Thomas, state supervisor of rural schools, and a goodly number of the school teachers of the county. A good portion of both morning and afternoon sessions was spent in listening to two very instructive addresses from Supervisor Thomas on the enrichment of rural life and on the duty of all citizens to give a cheerful support to the cause of public education. Miss White, one of the teachers of the county, read a paper on the difficulties encountered by the teachers of one-room schools in grading the pupils and giving adequate time and attention to each pupil. The proceedings of the association were varied and enjoyed by the teachers. A public debate by the pupils of the Reedville School. The association decided to hold its next meeting at the Williams High School, Superintendent Lewis, whose active co-operation in the formation and conduct of the Teachers' Association in the two counties of his division, has given a fresh impetus to the progress of public education in this section. It is now the intention of all his time to the supervision of the schools in the counties of Lancaster and Northumberland, and the meeting held from time to time are arousing popular interest in the general improvement of the schools.

Another interesting event at Reedville during the past week was the presentation to Roseland Cemetery on the western limits of the village of an iron railing enclosing the graves, a memorial gate and a monument to the late Albert Morris, for many years a resident of Reedville, and at the time of his death its richest and most enterprising citizen. It will be recalled that about two years ago Mr. Morris, who had gone to Atlantic City in the hope of restoring his shattered health, accidentally fell from the plank walk there into the sea and was drowned. His body was subsequently recovered. At the time of his death his estate was valued at about \$300,000, all of which he had made in the merchant fishing business at Reedville, where he came a poor man about twenty-five years ago as the agent of a Philadelphia firm, and he died a wealthy man. His estate was valued at about \$300,000, all of which he had made in the merchant fishing business at Reedville, where he came a poor man about twenty-five years ago as the agent of a Philadelphia firm, and he died a wealthy man. His estate was valued at about \$300,000, all of which he had made in the merchant fishing business at Reedville, where he came a poor man about twenty-five years ago as the agent of a Philadelphia firm, and he died a wealthy man.

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# AMONG BOOKS AND MAGAZINES

## For Readers of New Fiction

"Stradella."

By F. Marion Crawford. The Macmillan Company, New York, \$1.50.

Out of the many December books published, holiday and gift books, none will appeal more to the conservative class of readers than this romance by an author who has always stood deservedly high in the estimation of the American public.

The story is that of a great Neapolitan singer, Alessandro Stradella, who loved Orsola, niece by marriage of Senator Michel Pignaver, Venetian Senator and member of the Venetian aristocracy.

Orsola was very beautiful, young and pure. When she was seventeen years old the Senator announced to her that, as soon as her education should be completed, he intended to marry her. By way of rendering her more than usually accomplished, and in order that she might sing his musical compositions as well as to reflect the greatest credit on him, he brought Stradella to his home as a singing master for his intended bride.

The young people at once fell in love with each other. They ran away and were married in Ferrara. The uncle, furious at being outwitted, concealed their flight and hired two cut-throats to follow them, kill Stradella and bring Orsola back to Venice. Because of this fact, and because of the treachery of Alberto, nephew of the Cardinal Altieri, the honeymoon of husband and wife was rudely broken into at Rome, where Stradella and his bride went from Ferrara. The husband was murdered by the cut-throats, and Stradella, who, being accorded, bridegroom and bride were once more united and had nothing to fear.

The romance of the story is told with much tenderness and power, and the character of the heroine is charmingly described. The construction of the novel and the relation of its ventures are skillfully managed, and its interest is unbroken. As a love story the book leaves nothing to be desired.

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By Florence L. Barclay. G. P. Putnam's Sons, of New York, \$1.50.

A delightful love story, entitled "The Rosary," by Florence L. Barclay, has just been published by the Putnam. The characters it depicts, fundamental, by human as they are, and genuinely sympathetic, nevertheless are of such an unusual type that they will at every stage of the story interest the reader and invite his conjectures regarding their next action.

The plot, though it develops consistently and not by spasms and leaps, has enough of the unexpected in it to keep the reader's attention engaged. Thoroughly wholesome in theme, it is as elevating as it is entertaining. The reader is introduced to a heroine who, though she has little claim to physical attractiveness, has a character transcendently beautiful, by which the reader, like the hero of the story, will soon be captivated.

Mrs. Barclay is a sister to Mrs. Bellingham Booth. They were the daughters of the Rev. Samuel Charlesworth, of the Episcopal Church, and nieces to the Bishop of New York. Mrs. Barclay, who was so well known as the author of "Ministering Children." During the last summer Mrs. Barclay visited America for the purpose of lecturing on the Chautauqua platform. Her lecture tour took her to Palestine, a land which she visited under exceptionally interesting circumstances, camping there for three months with her own caravan of tents, horses and Arab servants. With her husband, the Rev. Charles Barclay, she discovered the original opening of Jacob's well. Their excavations were afterwards completed by the Palestine Exploration Society, which gave the official seal to the authenticity of this discovery.

"Hansley's Christmas Party."

By Booth Tarkington. Illustrated in color by Ruth Snyder Clements, Harper & Bros., publishers, \$1.25. Here is a charming romance with the good-will of the season in it. A story of a lover rejected by his sweetheart because she considered him a man without imagination, and taken into favor again on Christmas Day because the girl found herself so much below him in point of imagination that she was then constrained to go and acknowledge her mistake and make him happy again. In this story, as in the others, a child's influence combines to clear the minds and open the hearts of two who had been estranged. The

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